GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Post Matric Scholarships – Maintenance Fee (MTF)- Rationalization of existing framework of Maintenance Fee under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme & enhancement of MTF rates for students belonging to SC/ ST/ BC/ EBC (other than Kapu)/ Kapu/ Minorities/ Differently Abled communities/ categories pursuing Post Matric Courses – Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (EDN.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.81 Dated: 05-06-2018

Read the following: -

1. G.O.Ms.No.82, Social Welfare (SW. Edn.2) Dept., dated 06-08-1988.
2. G.O.Ms.No.41, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 03-05-1999.
3. G.O.Ms.No.61, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 05-06-1999.
4. G.O.Ms.No.79, Social Welfare Edn.2) Dept., dated 06-11-2004.
5. G.O.Ms.No.19, Minorities Welfare (MFC) Dept., dated 16-07-2007.
6. G.O.Ms.No.43, Social Welfare (TW Edn.1) Dept., dated 10-06-2005.
7. G.O.Ms.No.128, Social Welfare (TW Edn.2) Dept., dated 02-07-2008.
8. G.O.Ms.No.118, Minorities Welfare (MFC) Dept., dated 20-06-2011.
9. G.O.Ms.No.118, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 23-06-2008.
10. G.O.Ms.No.128, Social Welfare (TW Edn.2) Dept., dated 02-07-2008.
11. G.O.Ms.No.140, Social Welfare (TW Edn.2) Dept., dated 14-07-2008.
12. G.O.Ms.No.142, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 15-07-2008.
13. G.O.Ms.No.58, B.C. Welfare (B2) Dept., dated 07-11-2008.
14. G.O.Ms.No.118, Minority Welfare (MFC) Dept., dated 20-06-2011.
15. Lr.No.1101/01/2008-SCD-V, dated 31-12-2010 of Jt. Secretary (SCD), Ministry of SJ&E, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
16. Lr.No.19012/05/2010-Education, dated 21-06-2011 of Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Edn. Section), Govt. of India, New Delhi.
17. G.O.Ms.No.60, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 27-09-2011.
18. G.O.Ms.No.40, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 08-12-2012.
19. G.O.Ms.No.40, B.C. Welfare (C) Dept., dated 21-12-2017.
20. G.O.Ms.No.3, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Dept., dated 05-01-2010.
21. G.O.Rt.No.1934, Finance (FMU. Welfare. I) Dept., dated 08-09-2016.
22. G.O.Ms.No.103, Social Welfare(Edn.2) Department, dated 24-10-2016.
23. G.O.Ms.No.45, Social Welfare(Edn.2) Department, dated 09-06-2017.
24. From the Director of Social Welfare, AP, Letter Rc.No. D1/813/2018, dated:02-04-2018

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O R D E R:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, envisions the emergence of the State as a happy, inclusive, responsible, & globally competitive society by the year 2029 and has enunciated its vision in the Vision 2029 document, which inter-alia aims to: (i) Create capacities among all sections of society to equitably gain from it so as to make them willing partners and stakeholders. (ii) Transform into an economy that creates, disseminates, and uses knowledge to drive growth and development.

2. To transform the State into a knowledge economy, the focus of the Government is upon creation of an ecosystem for quality education and

Government is cognizant that the quest for providing quality education, in order to be relevant and meaningful, has to be inclusive by design, since the growth of the State cannot be achieved in the true sense, without the progress of its under-privileged sections & that education is most powerful tool & the bedrock for the poor and disadvantaged communities for laying the foundations of a better life.

3. The Government is taking multiple steps, at the policy and program level, for ensuring inclusivity in education, with focus upon making education, especially higher education, among the marginalized communities accessible & affordable. The key instrumentality in the effort for creating a level playing field for the marginalized & relatively deprived communities, is the comprehensive scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships, the largest in the country, with components of: (a) Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF) paid to the Educational Institutions, & (b) Maintenance Charges (MTF) paid to the students & managements of the CAH. The scheme currently benefits 16.85 lakh students with an annual outlay of around Rs 3,000 crores annually.

4. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is sanctioning the Post Matric Scholarships, every year, to all eligible students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) [through the Social Welfare Department], the Scheduled Tribes (ST) [through the Tribal Welfare Department], the Backward Classes (BC), Kapu & Economically Backward Class (EBC) [through the Backward Classes Welfare Department], Minorities [through the Minorities Welfare Department] and the Differently Abled[through the Women Development, Child Welfare & Disabled Welfare Department] categories, on a saturation basis.

5. The Post Matric Scholarships consists of (2) components viz. **a)** Maintenance Fee (MTF) & **b)** Reimbursement of Tuition Fee (RTF). While the RTF is paid to the educational institutions quarterly, the MTF is paid on a monthly basis to the students or the college authorities managing the College Attached Hostels. Presently, the MTF charges are paid across (4) categories, i.e. DAH(Departmental Attached Hostel), CAH(College Attached Hostel), SMH (Student Managed Hostel) & DS(Day Scholar).

6. In the G.Os. 1st to 19th read above, orders were issued for the enhancement & fixing up the rates of Monthly Maintenance Charges (MTF) and as well as Income Ceilings for eligible Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Backward Classes, Minority, Kapu and Differently Abled Students pursuing Post-Matric courses, from time to time, under the Scheme of "Post Matric Scholarships" of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

7. To streamline the process of sanction of Post-Matric Scholarships, the Government have issued comprehensive guidelines vide the G.O.Ms.No.66, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 08.09.2010, for sanction & disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships. Subsequently, Government, vide G.O.Ms.No.60, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 27.09.2011 have issued orders enhancing the income ceiling and the rates of Maintenance Fees. Further, vide the G.O.Ms.No.30, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 31.08.2012, orders have been issued delinking the Scholarship Policy from the fee fixation done by the Higher Education Department and vide G.O.Ms.No.40, Social Welfare (Edn.2) Department, dated 08.12.2012, orders have been issued enhancing the Maintenance Fees in respect of the Department Attached Hostels.

8. Further, consequent to bifurcation of the State, in the G.O.Ms.No.72, SW(Edn.2) Dept., dt:18-10-2014, the Govt. issued orders for implementation of the

scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, as determined by the provisions of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. Subsequently, in the G.O.Ms.No.103, SW (Edn.2) Dept., dt:24-10-2016, the Govt. have issued orders streamlining the process of sanction of Post Matric Scholarship and vide G.O.Ms.No.45, SW(Edn.2) Dept., dt:09-06-2017 orders are issued integrating the services relating to Education and Scholarships through a comprehensive, modular, intuitive, robust & high-fidelity web portal called "Jnanabhumi".

9. The Director of Social Welfare, in his letter dated: 02-04-2018 (reference 24th read above) has submitted that vide G.O.Ms.No.3, SW(Edn.2) Department, dated 05-01-2010, Government have nominated the Social Welfare Department as the Nodal Department for the Post Matric Scholarships scheme in respect of all the Welfare Departments & has submitted the detailed proposal for enhancement of existing MTF rates, under Post Matric Scholarships scheme, for eligible SC, ST, BC, EBC (other than Kapu), Kapu, Minority & Differently Abled students, stating that the proposal for enhancement of existing MTF rates is prepared, based on a series of discussions held by him with the Committee of HODs(Committee in short) of the Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare, Minorities Welfare, DA Welfare and AP Kapu Welfare & Development Corporation Ltd. & subsequently with the Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of the Welfare Departments.

10. The Director of Social Welfare has stated in his proposal that, considering the elapse of considerable period of time since the previous increase in enhancement of the MTF rates, the increase in the cost of living index and taking into consideration the interest & welfare of students belonging to the disadvantaged sections of the society & after examining the several options, the Committee has proposed the enhancement of the MTF rates, as mentioned in the proposal in the reference 24th read above.

11. The Director of Social Welfare has further stated that the Committee has further observed that there is ad-hocism in the existing MTF framework in respect of **a)** categorization of MTF, based on the Group courses & the community of the students & **b)** periodicity of enhancement of the MTF rates, which are neither rational nor in the interest of the students or the Government.

12. Therefore, the Committee, after examining multiple options, has inter-alia proposed the rationalization of the MTF categories, based on objective criteria, the enhancement of the MTF rates as per the rationalized categories & also the mechanism for the enhancement of MTF rates, on a periodic basis, which are incorporated in the detailed proposal submitted in the reference 24th read above. The synopsis of the salient features of the proposal is detailed, as hereunder.

12.1 MERGER OF GROUP I & II: It is proposed to merge Group I (Professional Courses) & Group-II (PG courses) into a composite entity viz. Group I & II (Professional & PG courses) category for purpose of MTF rate fixation. No change is proposed in existing Group-III (Graduate courses) & Group-IV (Intermediate level) categories.

12.2 DEPARTMENTALLY ATTACHED HOSTEL(DAH) RATES: Uniform MTF rate is proposed for the DAH category, across all Groups & Departments.

12.3 COLLEGE ATTACHED HOSTEL (CAH) RATES: Uniform MTF rate is proposed for the CAH across the SW/TW/ BCW/ MW/ DA Departments and is proposed to be graded for **a)** Group I & II (Professional & PG) category, **b)** Group-III & **c)** Group-IV categories. The CAH rate for the now merged Group I & II (Professional & PG)

category is proposed be aligned to the MTF rate fixed for the DAH category.

12.4 SUBSUMING OF STUDENT MANAGED HOSTEL (SMH) INTO DAY SCHOLAR CATEGORY: The existing SMH category is already subsumed into Day Scholar category for SC/STs & is now proposed to be subsumed into Day Scholar category in respect of other categories i.e. BC / DW/ MW / KAPU / EBC (OTHER THAN KAPU).

12.5 MTF RATE FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED ON PAR WITH SC/ST: It is proposed to apply the MTF rates applicable to the SC/ST to the Differently Abled students.

12.6 INCOME CEILING FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED ON PAR WITH SC/ST: Income ceiling for Differently Abled students is proposed to be brought on par with SC/ST students.

12.7 SANCTION OF MTF FOR DAY SCHOLAR EBC STUDENTS (OTHER THAN KAPU): In order to assist the poor EBC (Other than Kapu) students, it is proposed that MTF be provided to Day Scholar EBC (Other than Kapu) students, duly fixing MTF rates at a slab lower than that of the Day Scholar rates provided to the BC students.

12.8 KEYSTONE FOR THE PROPOSED MTF RATE ENHANCEMENT: The report of the National Institution of Nutrition, Hyderabad, recommending the enhanced rates for the Diet Charges, in the Post-Matric Hostels of the Welfare Department is taken as the keystone, for the fixation of the enhanced MTF rates.

12.9 ENHANCEMENT OF MTF RATE FOR THE DAH CATEGORY: Based on report of the NIN, Hyderabad it is proposed to adopt the rate of Rs 1,400 per student, per month, as enhanced uniform MTF rate for DAH across all Groups & Departments.

12.10 ENHANCEMENT OF MTF RATE FOR THE CAH CATEGORY: It is proposed to enhance CAH rate, per student, per month, for the proposed merged Group I & II (Professional & PG courses) to Rs 1,400 (aligning with the proposed DAH rate), for Group-III (Degree courses) at Rs 1,200 and for Group IV (Intermediate level courses) at Rs. 1,000.

12.11 ENHANCEMENT OF MTF RATES FOR DAY SCHOLARS: Adopting the Keystone rate of NIN, Hyderabad, the years in which the previous MTF enhancement was made for various Groups by the concerned Departments, the increase in the cost of living index since the last enhancement, inputs from the field functionaries & other stakeholders, and adopting the principle of differential MTF basing on relative social & economic backwardness, the per month and per student MTF Day Scholars rates is proposed for **a)** Group I & II (Professional & PG courses) at Rs 1,000 for SC/ST/DA , Rs 800 for BC/MW/KAPU and Rs 600 for EBC(OTHER THAN KAPU), **b)** Group III (Graduate courses) at Rs 800 for SC/ST/DA, Rs 600 for BC/MW/KAPU and Rs 500 for EBC(OTHER THAN KAPU) and **c)** Group IV (Intermediate courses) at Rs 600 for SC/ST/DA, Rs 500 for BC/MW/KAPU and Rs 400 for EBC(OTHER THAN KAPU).

12.12 STANDING COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW & ENHANCEMENT OF MTF RATES : It is proposed to constitute a Standing Committee consisting of the Principal Secretary/ Secretaries of the SC, ST, BC, Minorities, Disabled Welfare Departments, Secretary of the Finance Department looking after Welfare, the Director, Economics & Statistics & the Director of Social Welfare as Member-Convener to review the existing RTF rates basing on objective and scientific criteria, in the month of April, every year and furnish their recommendations by 15th April, every year, for the

consideration of the Finance Department.

13. The Director of Social Welfare, AP duly stating the above has requested the Government to consider the proposal for the rationalization of existing framework of Maintenance Fee under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme & for the enhancement of MTF rates.

14. Government, after careful examination of the proposal submitted by the Director of Social Welfare, issue the following orders for rationalization of existing Maintenance Fee under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme & enhancement of MTF rates for students belonging to the SC/ST/BC/EBC (other than Kapu)/ Kapu/ Minorities/Differently Abled communities/categories pursuing Post Matric Courses.

(a) **RATIONALISATION OF MTF SLABS/CATEGORIES & ENHANCED RATES:** The rates of Maintenance Fees (MTF) are rationalized and enhanced as shown in the Table below, w.e.f. 1-7-2018:

(Rupees per Month)

EXISTING MONTHLY MTF RATES										GROUP	ENHANCED MONTHLY MTF RATES								
											HOSTELLERS (CAH & DAH)						NON-HOSTELLERS (SMH &DS)		
GROUP	SC / ST			BC / MW / DW				KAPU (from Dec-2017)	EBC		SC/ST/DW		BC/MW		KAPU	EBC	SC / ST/ DW	BC/ MW/ KAPU	EBC (other than Kapu)
	HOSTE-LLER		DS	HOSTE-LLER		SMH	DS				DAH	CAH	DAH	CAH					
	DAH	CAH		DAH	CAH														
I	1200	1200	550	1050	962	442	429	429	NO MTF	I & II (PG & Prof. level)	1400	1400	1400	1400	NO CAH & DAH	NO CAH & DAH	1000	800	600
II	1050	820	530	1050	682	442	429	429											
III	1050	570	325	1050	520	325	240	240		III (Degree Level)	1400	1200	1400	1200			800	600	500
IV	1050	520	325	1050	520	325	182	182		IV (Inter level)		1000		1000			600	500	400

(b) **INCOME CEILING FOR THE STUDETNS BELONGING TO DIFFERENTLY ABLED CATEGORY** : The income ceiling for the students belonging to Differently Abled category is enhanced from Rs.1.00 lakhs to Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum on par with SC & ST students.

(c) **CONSTITUTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE**: The Standing Committee consisting of the Principal Secretary/Secretaries of the SC/ST/BC/ Minorities/Differently Abled Departments, Principal Secretary/Secretary of the Finance Department looking after Welfare, the Director, Economics & Statistics & Director of Social Welfare as Member-Convener is constituted to review the existing MTF rates basing on objective and scientific criteria, in the month of April, every year and furnish their recommendations by 15th April, every year, for the consideration of the Finance Department.

15. The Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary of the Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare/Backward Classes Welfare/Minority Welfare/Higher & Technical Education/School Education/Agriculture & Cooperation/Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries/Horticulture & Sericulture/Labour, Employment & Training/Health & Family Welfare & the Commissioner of Social

Welfare/ Commissioner of Tribal Welfare/Commissioner of Backward Classes Welfare/ Commissioner of Minorities Welfare/Commissioner of Welfare of Differently Abled & Senior Citizens/All affiliating Authorities/All Joint Directors / Deputy Directors/ Assistant Directors of all the Welfare Departments in the State are requested to follow and implement the above guidelines scrupulously and also convey the above instructions to all the College Managements & other authorities concerned, without fail and ensure that the Maintenance Fee is disbursed to all the students, every month.

16. All the District Collectors in the State, as the Chairman of the District Level Committee for the implementation of JnanaBhumi, are requested to ensure that the instructions/guidelines stipulated in this order are implemented in-toto, by all the District Welfare Officers and also all by the Principals of all educational Institutions and review the same in the meeting of the District Level Committee and other review meetings, so as to ensure that the payments of MTF to students is made, every month.

17. The Chief Executive Officer, A.P.C.F.S.S., Amaravati is requested to take necessary steps to modify the software accordingly and the Director of Social Welfare, Government of A.P., as the Nodal Officer for the implementation of the Post-Matric Scholarships, is requested to take all the necessary measures to implement the instructions contained in this order by all the Departments implementing Post-Matric Scholarships and ensuring that the MTF is disbursed to the students every month. All Joint Directors / Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors of all Welfare Departments are directed to follow the instructions issued in this order for the sanction of Maintenance Fee (MTF), scrupulously.

18. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU-WF. I) Department vide their U.O. No. 39027/31/FMU(WF.1)/2018, dated:02-05-2018.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.S. RAWAT,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.
The Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati.
The Principal Secretary, Minorities Welfare, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati
The Principal Secretary, WC, DA & SC Welfare, A.P. Secretariat, Amaravati
The Director of Social Welfare, A.P., Amaravati.
The Director of Tribal Welfare, A.P., Amaravati.
The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Amaravati.
The Commissioner of Minority Welfare, A.P., Amaravati.
The Director of Differently Abled and Senior Citizen Welfare, A.P., Amaravati.
The Managing Director, A.P. State Kapu Welfare and Development Corporation.
All District Collectors in the State.
The Chief Executive Officer, A.P.C.F.S.S., Amaravati at Ibrahimpatnam.
All JD/DD/AD of all Welfare Departments in A.P. (through respective Departments)
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Amaravati at Ibrahimpatnam.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad

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The Secretary, APNMC.
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All RIOs, Intermediate Education, in the State.
All DVEOs, Intermediate Education, in the State.
All DEOs in the State.
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P.S. to M (SWE &TWE) /M(BCW) /M(MW)/ M (WCD & DW)/ M (HRD)/M (PR)/M(Ag.)/ M(AH)/M(LE&T)/M(Health).
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